

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A computer- readable medium having embodied thereon a computer program, the computer program including instructions that, when executed, cause a computer to:

display, to a user of an instant messaging system, a graphical user interface that enables [[a]] the user to access an instant messaging service, the graphical user interface comprising: comprising a window that includes: includes a contacts list listing one or more other users identifiers corresponding to multiple co-users of the instant messaging service selected by the user as significant to the user; service, the contacts list being configured to make online presence information for the other users co-users perceivable to the user; user and an icon associated with one of the other listed users indicating to enable the user to initiate communication sessions with the co-users;

determine that an email message has been exchanged between the user and a first one of the co-users;

in response to determining that the email message has been exchanged between the user and the first co-user, display, within the window that includes the contacts list and in association with the identifier corresponding to the first co-user, a first indication that reflects that an email message has been exchanged between the user and the other user; first co-user;

determine that a meeting has been scheduled that involves the user and a second one of the co-users; and

in response to determining that the meeting has been scheduled that involves the user and the second co-user, display, within the window that includes the contacts list and in association

with the identifier corresponding to the second co-user, a second indication that reflects that a meeting has been scheduled that involves the user and the second co-user.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently amended) The ~~graphical user interface~~ computer-readable medium of claim 1, wherein ~~the instructions that, when executed, cause a computer to display the icon is displayed~~ first indication that reflects that an email message has been exchanged between the user and the first co-user include instructions that, when executed, cause a computer to display the first indication that reflects that an email message has been exchanged between the user and the first co-user only if the user selects a representation of the identifier corresponding to the other user ~~first co-user in the contacts list of other users.~~ list.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently amended) The ~~graphical user interface~~ computer-readable medium of claim 1, wherein ~~the icon indicates the instructions that, when executed, cause a computer to display a first indication that reflects that an email message has been exchanged between the user and the first co-user include instructions that, when executed, cause a computer to display a first indication that reflects that an unread email message has been exchanged between the user and the other user.~~ first co-user.

6. (Currently amended) The ~~graphical user interface~~ computer-readable medium of claim 1, wherein ~~the icon indicates the the instructions that, when executed, cause a computer to display a first indication that reflects that an email message has been exchanged between the user and the first co-user include instructions that, when executed, cause a computer to display a first indication that reflects a number of unread email messages that have been exchanged between the user and the other user.~~ first co-user.

7. (Currently amended) The ~~graphical user interface~~ computer-readable medium of claim 5, wherein the ~~icon, when selected by the user, opens computer program~~ further includes instructions that, when executed, cause a computer to open or activates activate an application to read the unread email message. message when the first indication is selected by the user.

8. (Currently amended) The ~~graphical user interface~~ computer-readable medium of claim 6, wherein the ~~icon, when selected by the user, opens computer program~~ further includes instructions that, when executed, cause a computer to open or activates activate an application listing multiple email messages exchanged between the user and the other user. first co-user.

9-13. (Cancelled)

14. (Currently amended) A method comprising:
providing an instant messaging system to a user;
~~displaying displaying,~~ to the ~~user of the instant messaging service~~ user, a graphical user interface that enables the user to access the instant messaging service, the graphical user interface comprising a window that includes a contacts list listing ~~one or more other users~~ identifiers corresponding to multiple co-users of the instant messaging service ~~selected by the user as significant to the user,~~ service, the contacts list being configured to make online presence information for the ~~other users~~ co-users perceivable to the user and to enable the user to initiate communication sessions with the ~~other users; and~~ co-users;
determining that an email message has been exchanged between the user and a first one of the co-users;

displaying an icon associated with one of in response to determining that the email message has been exchanged between the user and the first co-user, displaying, within the other users in window that includes the contacts list indicating and in association with the identifier

corresponding to the first co-user, a first indication that reflects that an email message has been exchanged between the user and the ~~other user~~ first co-user;

determining that a meeting has been scheduled that involves the user and a second one of the co-users; and

in response to determining that the meeting has been scheduled that involves the user and the second co-user, displaying, within the window that includes the contacts list and in association with the identifier corresponding to the second co-user, a second indication that reflects that a meeting has been scheduled that involves the user and the second co-user.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Currently amended) The method of claim 14, further comprising displaying triggering display of the icon first indication that reflects that an email message has been exchanged between the user and the first co-user when the user scrolls over a representation of the identifier corresponding to the ~~other user~~ first co-user in the contacts list of other users. list.

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently amended) The method of claim 14, wherein displaying the first indication that reflects that an email message has been exchanged between the user and the icon indicates first co-user includes displaying a first indication that reflects that an unread email message has been exchanged between the user and the ~~other user~~ first co-user.

19. (Currently amended) The method of claim 14, wherein displaying the first indication that reflects that an email message has been exchanged between the user and the icon indicates the first co-user includes displaying a first indication that reflects a number of unread email messages that have been exchanged between the user and the ~~other user~~ first co-user.

20. (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~[[17,]]~~ 18, further comprising displaying the unread email message in response to selection of the ~~[[icon]]~~ first indication by the user.

21. (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~[[17,]]~~ 19, further comprising displaying a list of multiple email messages exchanged between the user and the ~~other user~~ first co-user in response to selection of the ~~[[icon]]~~ first indication by the user. user, the list of multiple email messages being limited to email messages exchanged between the user and the first co-user.

22-28. (Cancelled)

29. (Currently amended) A computer-readable medium having embodied thereon a computer program, the computer program including instructions that, when executed, cause a computer to:

display, to a user of an instant messaging service, a graphical user interface that enables
[[a]] the user to access [[an]] the instant messaging service, the graphical user interface
comprising: comprising a window that includes: includes a contacts list listing identifiers for one
or more other users of the instant messaging service selected by the user as significant to the
user, the contacts list being configured to make online presence information for the other users
perceivable to the user; user and to enable the user to initiate communication sessions with the
other users; and

display, within the window that includes the contacts list and in association with an
identifier for one of the other users in the contacts list, an icon asseociated with one of the other
listed users indicating that indicates that a calendar event meeting has been scheduled that
involves both the user and the other user and enabling that enables determination by the user that
the calendar event meeting involves the other user.

30. (Currently amended) The ~~graphical user interface~~ computer-readable medium of claim 29, wherein ~~the icon, when selected by the user, opens~~ the computer program further

includes instructions that, when executed, cause a computer to open or activates activate an application to view the calendar event; additional information regarding the meeting when the user selects the icon.

31. (Currently amended) A method comprising:
providing an instant messaging system to a user;
displaying to the user of the instant messaging service a graphical user interface that enables the user to access the instant messaging service, the graphical user interface comprising a window that includes a contacts list listing identifiers for one or more other users of the instant messaging service selected by the user as significant to the user, the contacts list being configured to make online presence information for the other users perceivable to the user and to enable the user to initiate communication sessions with the other users; and
displaying displaying, within the window that includes the contacts list and in association with an identifier for one of the other users in the contacts list, an icon associated with one of the other users in the contacts list indicating that indicates that a calendar event meeting has been scheduled that involves both the user and the other user and enabling that enables determination by the user that the calendar event meeting involves the other user.

32. (Currently amended) The method of claim 31, further comprising displaying the ~~calendar event~~ additional information regarding the meeting in response to selection of the icon by the user.

33. (Currently amended) The ~~graphical user interface~~ computer-readable medium of claim 29, wherein the instructions, that, when executed, cause a computer to display an icon that indicates that a meeting has been scheduled that involves both the user and the other user and that enables determination by the user that the meeting involves the other user include instructions that, when executed, cause a computer to display an icon that indicates that the calendar event has been scheduled by the other user.

34. (Currently amended) The ~~graphical user interface~~ computer-readable medium of claim 29, wherein the instructions, that, when executed, cause a computer to display an icon that indicates that a meeting has been scheduled that involves both the user and the other user and that enables determination by the user that the meeting involves the other user include instructions that, when executed, cause a computer to display an icon that indicates that the calendar event has been scheduled by the user.

35. (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~[[29,]]~~ 31, wherein displaying the icon that indicates that a meeting has been scheduled that involves both the user and the other user and that enables determination by the user that the meeting involves the other user includes displaying [[the]] an icon that indicates that the calendar event has been scheduled by the other user.

36. (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~[[29,]]~~ 31 wherein displaying the icon that indicates that a meeting has been scheduled that involves both the user and the other user and that enables determination by the user that the meeting involves the other user includes displaying [[the]] an icon that indicates that the calendar event has been scheduled by the user.

37. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 1 wherein the instructions that, when executed, cause a computer to display, within the window that includes the contacts list and in association with the identifier corresponding to the second co-user, a second indication that reflects that a meeting has been scheduled that involves the user and the second co-user include instructions that, when executed, cause a computer to display the second indication that reflects that a meeting has been scheduled that involves the user and the second co-user concurrently with the first indication that reflects that an email message has been exchanged between the user and the first co-user.

38. (New) The method of claim 14 wherein:

displaying, within the window that includes the contacts list and in association with the identifier corresponding to the first co-user, a first indication that reflects that an email message has been exchanged between the user and the first co-user includes displaying the first indication adjacent to the identifier in the contacts list that corresponds to the first co-user; and

displaying, within the window that includes the contacts list and in association with the identifier corresponding to the second co-user, a second indication that reflects that a meeting has been scheduled that involves the user and the second co-user includes displaying the second indication adjacent to the identifier in the contacts list that corresponds to the second co-user.

39. (New) The method of claim 14 wherein:

determining that an email message has been exchanged between the user and a first one of the co-users includes determining that an email message was sent by the user to the first co-user; and

displaying a first indication that reflects that an email message has been exchanged between the user and the first co-user includes displaying a first indication that reflects that an email message was sent by the user to the first co-user.

40. (New) The method of claim 14 wherein:

determining that an email message has been exchanged between the user and a first one of the co-users includes determining that an email message was sent by the first co-user to the user; and

displaying a first indication that reflects that an email message has been exchanged between the user and the first co-user includes displaying a first indication that reflects that an email message was sent by the first co-user to the user.

41. (New) The method of claim 14 wherein:

determining that an email message has been exchanged between the user and a first one of the co-users includes determining that an email message was sent by the user to the first co-user; and

displaying a first indication that reflects that an email message has been exchanged between the user and the first co-user includes displaying a first indication that reflects that an email message was sent by the user to the first co-user; and

the method further comprises:

determining that a third one of the co-users has sent an email message to the user;

and

in response to determining that the third co-user sent an email message to the user, displaying, within the window that includes the contacts list and in association with the identifier corresponding to the third co-user, a third indication that reflects that the third co-user sent an email message to the user.

42. (New) The method of claim 14 further comprising:

determining that a third one of the co-users has left a voicemail message for the user; and

in response to determining that the third co-user left a voicemail message for the user,

displaying, within the window that includes the contacts list and in association with the identifier corresponding to the third co-user, a third indication that reflects that the third co-user left a voicemail message for the user.

43. (New) The method of claim 14 wherein displaying, within the window that includes the contacts list and in association with the identifier corresponding to the second co-user, a second indication that reflects that a meeting has been scheduled that involves the user and the second co-user includes displaying the second indication that reflects that a meeting has been scheduled that involves the user and the second co-user concurrently with the first indication that reflects that an email message has been exchanged between the user and the first co-user.

44. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 29 further comprising instructions that, when executed, cause a computer to display, within the window that includes the contacts list, in association with an identifier for an additional one of the other users in the contacts list, and concurrently with the icon that indicates that a meeting has been scheduled that involves both the user and the other user and that enables determination by the user that the meeting involves the other user, another icon that indicates that another meeting has been scheduled that involves both the user and the additional user and that enables determination by the user that the meeting involves the additional user.

45. (New) The method of claim 31 further comprising displaying, within the window that includes the contacts list, in association with an identifier for an additional one of the other users in the contacts list, and concurrently with the icon that indicates that a meeting has been scheduled that involves both the user and the other user and that enables determination by the user that the meeting involves the other user, another icon that indicates that another meeting has been scheduled that involves both the user and the additional user and that enables determination by the user that the meeting involves the additional user.

46. (New) A method for informing an instant messaging user that communications other than instant messages and voicemails have been received on behalf of the instant messaging user, the method comprising:

displaying, to a user, an instant messaging graphical user interface that enables the user to access an instant messaging service, the graphical user interface including a window that includes a contacts list listing identifiers for multiple co-users of the instant messaging service, the contacts list being configured to make online presence information for the co-users perceivable to the user and to enable the user to initiate communication sessions with the co-users;

determining that a communication that is neither an instant message nor a voicemail has been exchanged between the user and a particular one of the co-users having an identifier listed in the contacts list; and

in response to determining that the message that is neither an instant message nor a voicemail has been exchanged between the user and the particular co-user, displaying, within the window that includes the contacts list and in association with the identifier for the particular co-user in the contacts list, an indication that reflects that a message that is neither an instant message nor a voicemail has been exchanged between the user and the particular co-user.

47. (New) The method of claim 46 wherein:

determining that a communication that is neither an instant message nor a voicemail has been exchanged between the user and a particular one of the co-users having an identifier listed in the contacts list includes determining that an email message has been exchanged between the user and the particular co-user; and

displaying, within the window that includes the contacts list and in association with the identifier for the particular co-user in the contacts list, an indication that reflects that a message that is neither an instant message nor a voicemail has been exchanged between the user and the particular co-user includes displaying, within the window that includes the contacts list and in association with the identifier for the particular co-user in the contacts list, an indication that reflects that an e-mail message has been exchanged between the user and the particular co-user.

48. (New) The method of claim 46 further comprising:

determining that another communication that is neither an instant message nor a voicemail has been exchanged between the user and an additional one of the co-users having an identifier listed in the contacts list; and

in response to determining that the other message that is neither an instant message nor a voicemail has been exchanged between the user and the additional co-user, displaying, within the window that includes the contacts list, in association with the identifier for the additional co-user

in the contacts list, and concurrently with the indication that reflects that a message that is neither an instant message nor a voicemail has been exchanged between the user and the particular co-user, another indication that reflects that a message that is neither an instant message nor a voicemail has been exchanged between the user and the additional co-user.

49. (New) A method of enabling a user to manage multiple different communication modalities using a single graphical user interface, the method comprising:

displaying, to a user, a graphical user interface having a window that includes a contacts list listing identifiers corresponding to multiple co-users;

determining that a first communication has been exchanged between the user and a first one of the co-users using a first communication modality;

in response to determining that the first communication has been exchanged between the user and the first co-user using the first communication modality, displaying, within the window that includes the contacts list and in association with the identifier corresponding to the first co-user, a first indication that reflects that a communication has been exchanged between the user and the first co-user using the first communication modality;

determining that a second communication has been exchanged between the user and a second one of the co-users using a second communication modality that is different than the first communication modality;

in response to determining that the second communication has been exchanged between the user and the second co-user using the second communication modality, displaying, within the window that includes the contacts list and in association with the identifier corresponding to the second co-user, a second indication that reflects that a communication has been exchanged between the user and the second co-user using the second communication modality;

determining that a third communication has been exchanged between the user and a third one of the co-users using a third communication modality that is different than both the first and the second communication modalities; and

in response to determining that the third communication has been exchanged between the user and the third co-user using the third communication modality, displaying, within the window that includes the contacts list and in association with the identifier corresponding to the third co-user, a third indication that reflects that a communication has been exchanged between the user and the third co-user using the third communication modality.

50. (New) The method of claim 49 wherein:

determining that a first communication has been exchanged between the user and a first one of the co-users using a first communication modality includes determining that an email message has been exchanged between the user and the first co-user using an email communication modality;

displaying, within the window that includes the contacts list and in association with the identifier corresponding to the first co-user, a first indication that reflects that a communication has been exchanged between the user and the first co-user using the first communication modality includes displaying, within the window that includes the contacts list and in association with the identifier corresponding to the first co-user, a first indication that reflects that an email message has been exchanged between the user and the first user;

determining that a second communication has been exchanged between the user and a second one of the co-users using a second communication modality that is different than the first communication modality includes determining that a voicemail has been exchanged between the user and the second-user using a telephone communication modality;

displaying, within the window that includes the contacts list and in association with the identifier corresponding to the second co-user, a second indication that reflects that a communication has been exchanged between the user and the second co-user using the second communication modality includes displaying, within the window that includes the contacts list and in association with the identifier corresponding to the second co-user, a second indication that reflects that a voicemail has been exchanged between the user and the second co-user;

determining that a third communication has been exchanged between the user and a third one of the co-users using a third communication modality that is different than both the first and the second communication modalities includes determining that a meeting request has been exchanged between the user and the co-user using an electronic calendar communication modality; and

displaying, within the window that includes the contacts list and in association with the identifier corresponding to the third co-user, a third indication that reflects that a communication has been exchanged between the user and the third co-user using the third communication modality includes displaying, within the window that includes the contacts list and in association with the identifier corresponding to the third co-user, a third indication that reflects that a meeting request has been exchanged between the user and the third co-user.

51. (New) The method of claim 49 further comprising:

receiving an indication of a selection, by the user, of the first indication that reflects that an email message has been exchanged between the user and the first user;

in response to receiving the indication of the selection of the first indication, launching an email application that enables the user to access the email message exchanged between the user and the first co-user;

receiving an indication of a selection, by the user, of the second indication that reflects that a voicemail has been exchanged between the user and the second co-user;

in response to receiving the indication of the selection of the second indication, launching a voicemail application that enables the user to access the voicemail exchanged between the user and the second co-user;

receiving an indication of a selection, by the user, of the third indication that reflects that a meeting request has been exchanged between the user and the third co-user; and

in response to receiving the indication of the selection of the third indication, launching a calendar application that enables the user to access the meeting request exchanged between the user and the third co-user.

52. (New) The method of claim 49 wherein displaying, within the window that includes the contacts list and in association with the identifier corresponding to the third co-user, a third indication that reflects that a communication has been exchanged between the user and the third co-user using the third communication modality includes displaying the third indication that reflects that a communication has been exchanged between the user and the third co-user using the third communication modality concurrently with both the first indication that reflects that a communication has been exchanged between the user and the first co-user using the first communication modality and the second indication that reflects that a communication has been exchanged between the user and the second co-user using the second communication modality;

53. (New) A method comprising:

displaying, to a user of an instant messaging service, a graphical user interface that enables the user to access the instant messaging service, the graphical user interface comprising a window that includes a contacts list listing instant messaging screen names for co-users of the instant messaging service, the contacts list being configured to make online presence information for the co-users perceivable to the user and to enable the user to initiate communication sessions with the co-users;

for at least one of the co-users of the instant messaging service having a screen name listed in the contacts list, determining an email address that corresponds to the screen name for the co-user;

exchanging the email address determined to correspond to the screen name for the at least one co-user with an email client application of the user and requesting notification from the user's email client when the user sends an email to or receives an email from the email address determined to correspond to the screen name for the at least one co-user;

receiving a notification from the user's email client application that the user has sent an email to or received an email from the email address determined to correspond to the screen name of the at least one co-user; and

in response to receiving the notification from the user's email client application, displaying, within the window that includes the contacts list and in association with the screen name for the at least one co-user, an indication that reflects that the user has sent an email to or received an email from the email address determined to correspond to the screen name of the at least one co-user.

54. (New) The method of claim 53 further comprising:

for another co-user of the instant messaging service having a screen name listed in the contacts list, determining another email address that corresponds to the screen name for the other co-user;

exchanging the other email address determined to correspond to the screen name for the other co-user with the email client application of the user and requesting notification from the user's email client when the user sends an email to or receives an email from the other email address determined to correspond to the screen name for the other co-user;

receiving a notification from the user's email client application that the user has sent an email to or received an email from the other email address determined to correspond to the screen name of the other co-user; and

in response to receiving the notification from the user's email client application, displaying, within the window that includes the contacts list, in association with the screen name for the other co-user, and concurrently with the indication that reflects that the user has sent an email to or received an email from the email address determined to correspond to the screen name of the at least one co-user, another indication that reflects that the user has sent an email to or received an email from the other email address determined to correspond to the screen name of the other co-user.